

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 97  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Dennis Goodwin and the 1996 Donelson Christian Academy football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, during any given sports season only a few highly gifted teams, those with tremendous stamina, exceptional determination and excellent coaching are deserving of the notable plaudit "great"; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Donelson Christian Academy football team, which successfully completed the tough journey known as "The Quest" as the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state champion, is clearly deserving of being called "great" because of its solid record of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, DCA had an unblemished regular season, impressively beating East Robertson 43-0, Lighthouse Christian 61-0, Davidson Academy 45-7, Friendship Christian 35-0, Lookout Valley 58-14, Franklin Road Academy 51-6, Jo Burns 38-7, Battle Ground Academy 33-18, Christ Presbyterian Academy 21-12 and Ezell-Harding 48-0; and

WHEREAS, in the initial rounds of the playoffs the Wildcats defeated Watertown 48-0, South Pittsburg 37-6, Trousdale County 36-19 and BGA 13-0 in overtime; and

WHEREAS, they won the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A title by overwhelming St. Benedict 51-3, in the Clinic Bowl; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to being the state champions, DCA also won the Region 4-A title this season; and

WHEREAS, they had an undefeated 15-0 overall season record; and

WHEREAS, their awesome offense averaged an incredible 41.0 points per game, while their tight defense gave up only an average of 6.4 points per game; and

WHEREAS, DCA averaged 398.4 total yards per game, 265.3 rushing and 133.1 passing; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats were expertly coached by head coach Dennis Goodwin and his capable assistant coaches: Paul Wade, Richie Pickle, Garland Russell, and Bill Shelton; and

WHEREAS, the members of this talented team include: seniors Jeremy Lyon, TSSAA Class A "Mr. Football"; Ryan McSwain, a nominee for TSSAA Class A "Mr. Football"; Brian Patterson; Mitch Hearne; Daniel Dougharty; Travis Moore; Kris Montgomery; Bill Crittenden; Jeremy Morrow; and Kenny Clayton; juniors Ricky Teel; Rusty Thompson; Zack Sadler; Clay Jackson; Mac Phen; Alan Elrod; Eddie Sellars; Mickey Gooch; and Scott Anderson; sophomores Cody Click; Bobby Cordell; M. J. Garrett; Justin Mitchell; Justin Thompson; Jacob Kidd; Josh Sublett; Steven Link; Travis Bellenfant; Nathan Stewart; and Matthew Hicks; and freshmen Jake Grizzard; Chris Patton; Justin Willis; Stephen Westbrook; Josh Smith; Mathew Hodges; Michael Wooden; Thomas Holman; Jake Wheeler; Jimmy Delacey; Kyle Long; and David Hewitt; each of whom has made a significant contribution to the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats have been enthusiastically supported by Principal Danny Kellum, and hard-working managers Andy Elrod, Vanessa Swindle, and Adam Hunt; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to salute the numerous accomplishments of the Donelson Christian Academy football team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Dennis Goodwin and the 1996 Donelson Christian Academy football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.